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4 ROBERT JORDAN, et al.,
5 Plaintiffs,
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7 v.
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9 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
10 Defendant.

11 Case No. 14-cv-00787-WHO

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17 **ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
APPOINT INTERIM CLASS COUNSEL**

18 Re: Dkt. No. 32

19 Plaintiffs Robert Jordan, Sean Halbert, Dana Skelton, and Vanessa Ruggles (together,
20 “Plaintiffs”) have moved for an order appointing attorneys Jay Edelson and Steven Woodrow of
21 Edelson P.C. as Lead Counsel, and a proposed Executive Committee consisting of Michael Sousa
22 of the Law Offices of Michael P. Sousa, Doug Campion, and Matthew English of the Law Offices
23 of Matthew G. English, to the Executive Committee (collectively, these attorneys are referred to
herein as “Proposed Interim Class Counsel”). Dkt. 32.

24 The Court has considered the following: (1) the work done by Proposed Interim Class
25 Counsel in identifying and/or investigating potential claims in the action; (2) Proposed Interim
26 Class Counsel’s experience in handling class actions, other complex litigation, and claims of the
27 type asserted in this action; (3) Proposed Interim Class Counsel’s knowledge of the applicable
28 law; and (4) the resources that Proposed Interim Class Counsel will commit to representing the
class;

29 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

- 30 1. The Motion is GRANTED;
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32 2. Pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 23(g)(3), Jay Edelson and Steven Woodrow of Edelson
33 P.C. are hereby appointed Lead Counsel. Michael Sousa of the Law Offices of Michael P. Sousa,
34 Doug Campion, and Matthew English of the Law Offices of Matthew G. English are appointed to

1 the Executive Committee. Lead Counsel will have primary responsibility for and authority over
2 the following matters on behalf of all Plaintiffs in this action:

- 3 a. Determining and presenting motions, briefs, oral argument or such other
4 related items as may be appropriate, and the position of all of the Plaintiffs as to all
5 matters arising during all pretrial and trial proceedings;
- 6 b. Conducting or coordinating discovery on behalf of the Plaintiffs consistent
7 with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including the preparation of joint
8 interrogatories, requests for production of documents, requests for admissions and the
9 examination of witnesses in deposition;
- 10 c. Communicating with the Court;
- 11 d. Communicating with defense counsel;
- 12 e. Directing, supervising and monitoring the activities of Plaintiffs' counsel
13 and implementing procedures to ensure that schedules are met and unnecessary
14 expenditures of time and funds by all counsel are avoided;
- 15 f. Signing any consolidated complaint, motions, briefs, discovery requests or
16 objections, subpoenas or notices on behalf of all Plaintiffs or those Plaintiffs filing
17 the particular papers;
- 18 g. Conducting all pre-trial proceedings on behalf of all Plaintiffs;
- 19 h. Employing and consulting with experts;
- 20 i. Conducting settlement discussions with defense counsel on behalf of all
21 Plaintiffs and the putative class;
- 22 j. Informing all Plaintiffs of the progress of this litigation as necessary; and
- 23 k. Otherwise coordinating the work of all Plaintiffs' counsel, and performing
24 such other duties as necessary or as authorized by further order of this Court.

1 3. As mentioned during the hearing, the Court is concerned that this litigation be
2 efficiently pursued. In furtherance of this goal, in addition to the general guidance given during
3 the hearing regarding attendance at hearings, depositions and meet and confers, the Court will
4 require, and now ORDERS, that all counsel keep a contemporaneous daily record of their time
5 spent and expenses incurred in connection with this litigation, including with specificity the hours,
6 location, and particular activity (such as "conduct of deposition of A.B."). Block billing is not
7 acceptable. The failure to maintain such records will be grounds for denying court-awarded
8 attorney fees, as will an insufficient description of the activity (such as "research" or "review of
9 correspondence").

10 4. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, this Order shall apply to any action filed in,
11 transferred to, or removed to this Court, which relates to the subject matter at issue in the Actions.

12 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

13 Dated: August 21, 2014

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15 WILLIAM H. ORRICK
16 United States District Judge